

**TRANSITION TO ADULT LIVING  
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005  
MINUTES**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mike Richardson welcomed the group and had everyone introduce themselves since we have several new members of the Implementation Team. Dale Ownby from DWS will be taking JJ Farrington's place since JJ has taken a new position. Ron Stromberg is the new deputy director for the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and will be joining the Implementation Team.

Mike also announced that Bob Haywood is retiring at the end of July. Mike thanked Bob for his many contributions over the years, particularly for his contributions to the TAL Employment and Training Task Group. Everyone was invited to Bob's Retirement Party on July 26, 2005 at 1:00pm at DHS.

Lisa McDonald announced that the Independent Living Summit for Youth will be held on September 16 and 17 at Aspen Grove. The youth will enjoy two days speakers, workshops, a career fair, and many activities.

Jane Broadhead announced that our Transition to Adult Living initiative received one of the top five awards—"Recognition of Excellence" from the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor for being an innovative initiative. John Nixon will be in Philadelphia next week to accept the award.

**UPDATE ON PHASE II TRAINING:**

Pam Russell reported that Phase II Training with community partners has been held in Davis County and in Salt Lake County. Davis had about 45 community partners participate and had a very successful meeting. The first Salt Lake County training had almost 90 participants.

Evaluations showed that community partners were happy to be involved and were anxious to partner to improve services to older youth in care. Many new ideas are being generated to improve services for youth in these areas.

On July 11-13<sup>th</sup> there will be similar training in St. George, Cedar City and Richfield. Training will be held in Ogden on July 13<sup>th</sup> also. Pam will put together the schedule including all other training dates and will get this out to Implementation Team members so they may attend when time permits.

### **PLANNING EXERCISE:**

Amanda Singer facilitated the group in a planning exercise to identify the unmet needs and begin to develop strategies and action steps to fill those needs. We were also asked to identify barriers that block us from reaching the goals.

Listed below are the general categories and needs identified by group members:

- Work with community employers to create jobs and internships
- Aftercare (Young Adult Resource Network) resources need to be developed including mental health and substance abuse resources, health access and Medicaid expansion
- Youth leadership roles need to be expanded
- The TAL message needs to get out to the general public, judges, legislators, housing resource people and other youth.
- Training needs to continue—particularly among caseworkers, foster parents and other community partners
- Asset Mapping is needed

Amanda will put the information gathered today into a document and email it out to everyone for review, to give input, suggestions, ideas and think about what our priorities should be. (This will be coming soon.)

**It was decided that there will be no Implementation Team or Chairs Meeting on August 3, 2005 but the entire Implementation Team, task group members and all interested parties will meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 2:30 to prioritize and set the agenda for how these unmet needs would be handled.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Winston Inoway indicated that the next mailing for youth is ready to go out. It will focus on Education/Training Vouchers (ETV). Winston also showed the group the recently printed posters advertising the JustforYouth Website that will be made available in schools/libraries across the state. There is also a poster developed specifically to advertise in colleges to announce the availability of ETV funds for former foster youth.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

No meeting on August 3, 2005.

The next meeting of the entire Implementation Team and Task Group members will be held on **Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at 2:30pm** in Room 304 at the Department of Human Services.

**IMPLEMENTATION TEAM AND SUPPORT STAFF ATTENDING:**

Mike Richardson  
Winston Inoway  
Marie Christman  
Sherri Wittwer  
Midge Delavan  
Dale Ownby  
Katie Gregory  
Bob Haywood  
Lisa McDonald

Kelly Peterson  
Pam Russell  
Ron Stromberg  
Patti Van Wagoner  
Richard Walker  
Jane Broadhead  
Amanda Singer  
Barbara Thompson

Excused: Richard Anderson, Barbara Feaster, Stephen Jardine

**TASK GROUP MEMBERS AND OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING:**

Dave Florence  
Maryanne McFarland  
Ann Foster  
Rosa McFarland  
Mary Fitzgerald  
Brandy McCachren  
Ken Hull  
Steve Titensor